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1、発明の名称

パンツ型使い換ておむつ

- 2、特許請求の題題

 - 2. 疎水性シートからなるウエストバンドが伸縮性 不概布である時求項 7 記憶のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ。
 - 3. 原水性シートからなるクエストパンドが、伊昭 性不関布を伸張状態にして他の不離布、返退性 フィルムと貼合したものである路求項1記数のパ ンツ型使い捨ておむつ。
 - 4. 疏水性シートからなるウエストバンドの腰周囲方向に張設された卵粒弾性体が、複数本で引つ前

記複図本の伸縮弾性体のうちの設関配偶各りに位置する少なくとも1本が、股ギャザーを形成する科権弾性体と丁才状义は十字状を形成するように近接あるいは交叉して設けられている講求項1。 2 又は3 記載のパンツ製使い捨ておむつ。

- 5. 吸収体の政方向貨幣が近例で接する質面シート上に、伸縮弾性体を設けた請求項1配収のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ。
- 6. 衷面シートの核方向貨幣フラップ部に、異水性 不積布が退設されている額求項1記載のパンツ型 使い捨ておむつ。

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1 記載のパンツ型使い捨ておむつ。

3. 発明の詳細な説明

[游戏上の利用分野]

水発明は伊鶴性と遊気性を有し、且つ体型に フィットして、はき心地のほいパンツ型使い捨て おむつに関する。

[従来の技術]

従来パンツ型に形成された使い捨ておむつは知 られている。

パンツ胞使い捨ておむつは、普通の使い捨てお むつから洗って触返し使用できるパンツへの移行 朗四中に使用されるほか、大人の失数用、病人用 などにも使用される。

例えば、特間昭53-19246月公規には、使い捨て の下ばきを形成するのに適した伸縮性のある不疑 布製の一体報斯忌の提断方法が要案されている。 また、将開昭 57-77304月公坦にはクエスト部に弾 性間材が付設され、ウエスト両側部から同口部へ 近びる結合図は重ねることなく閉鎖されてなる便 い捨てのおしめアリーフ及びロール状の裏面シー

たり、また、個疑惑が报着別などで貼合されてい ると通気性が悪くなり、パンツ内部がむれて、炸 **泄物と共に脊用者に不切感を与えるという回題が** ある。また、体型にフィットさせるために、ウエ ストパンド及び火盛郎、四間形などに伸縮部材が 設けられているものの、排泄物の溢れ妨止及び身 体へのフィット性と普段性の見ざなど兼ね傷えた パンツ型使い捨ておむつは末だ出現していない。

本発明は上記のような問題点を解決するために なされたもので、止着テープを必要としないパン ツ型使い捨ておむつであって、通気性がよく、且 つ体型にフィットする伸縮性を強え、しかも君説 性がよく、はき心地が良好なパンツ型便い捨てお むつを安価に提供することを目的とする。

本発明者等は前記問題点について供意検討の病 型、従来おむつ本体の政方向両近部に伸縮弾係体 を設けて、ウエストパンドとしていたのを、別体 の材質シートに伸縮弾性体を設け、これをおむつ 本体の最方向両端部に連股してウエストバンドと することにより、上記問題点の解消になるとの知

ツ材に延伸状態で連続した弾性節材を接触するエ 程、吸湿性の当て爪を付設する工程、表面シート をその上に取ねる工程と同口部を形成して反手機 狼に沿って折り重ねて、母別のプリーフに指導、 切断するプリーフの製造方法が関示されている。

夏に、特開昭 81-207605 母公祖には、暦即開口 と脚部局口の回りに伸起手段を聞え、外部カバー は液体不改近性のアラスチック材料の内層と不穏 ファイバー材料の外層とで良皮される使い捨て パンツの足案が見られる。また更に、特開昭 62 … 21802月公昭にはパンツ本体がクロッチを中心と して折り返されて対向側様が接合され、月つ吸収 性コンのクロッチ領域が狭く形成され、ウエスト パンドと一対のレッグホールの各価船即材が仲長 下に接着されている使い捨て吸収性パンツが開示 されている。

[発明が解決しようとする理題]

しかしながら、従来のパンツ引使い捨ておむつ は、普通の使い治ておむつのように、前後の倒縁 即を閉鎖するための止着テープが付近されてあっ

兇を切て本発明を完成するに至った。

[理題を解決するための手段]

すなわち、本発明は彼体透過性の衷面シートと 波体不迟過性の医面シートの間に吸収体および股 ギャザーを形成する仲昭弾性体が配置されたパン ツ型使い捨ておむつにおいて、前記表面シート、 観団シート、吸収体からなるおむつ本体の収方向 西姫郎に、疎水性シートに作昭弾性体を延設した ウエストパンドを聳えたことを特徴とするパンツ 型使い捨ておむつである。

太兌明は前記読水性シートからなるウエストバ ンドが伸縮性不順布である前にパンツ型便い捨て おむつである。

本発明は前記談水性シートからなるウエストバ ンドが、卵胞性不凝布を伸張状態にして他の不識 布、透過性フィルムと貼合したものである前記パ シツ型使い捨ておむつである。

本発明は耐記疎水性シートからなるウエストバ ンドの暦周囲方向に伸張状態で接着された伊線弾 性体が、複数本で月つ前記複数本の伊鶴弾性体の

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うちの股間が明音りに位置する少なくとも1本が、 限ギャヤーを形成する伸縮強性体と下字状又は十 字状を形成するように近接めるいは交又して設け られている同記パンツ型似い捨ておむつである。

水発明は可記吸収体の最方向両端包近傍で接する裏面シート上に、伸縮弾性体を設けた何記パンツ型性い捨ておむつである。

本発明は何記表面シートの優方向面側部フラップ部に、確水性不異布が建設されている前記パンツ型便い的でおむつである。

るように近接めるいは交叉して設けられる点に特 世がある。

このほか本発明のパンツ望使い捨ておむつにおいては、段ギャゲーによる大闘郎の解付け補助として、クエストパンドの伊紹弾性体の散を減らして、クリンドの伊紹弾性体の散を減らしての代わりに吸収体の視方向資明的近傍の関係とというととなる。

以下本発明の異成について説明する。

本発明でいうパンツ型使い捨ておむつとは、使い捨ておむつから昏遁のパンツに移行するまでの幼児用及びおとな用の矢禁防止、病人などに用いられるパンツが使い捨ておむつを聴称する。

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このようなウエストバンドは、前記例示の先行 技術を含めて徒来見られないものである。

また、本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、ウエストパンドの複数の伸縮弾性体のうちの股間的関係が行為なるとも1本が設まった一を形成する伸縮弾性体とて字状又は十字状を形成す

また、塩面シートの対象フラップ部に収扱の頭 水性不解布を返設させることができる。

[箕簻閉]

以下本発明の安施例を示す。

第1日の元成されたパンツ型使い捨ておむつの 度関平面図が第2図で、表面シート1の下方を切 欠いて内部が見えるようにしている。

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このようにすることにより、最周囲はウエスト

水性不調布或いはウレタン繊維などからなる伊格性不穏布又は伸縮性不離布を伊張状態で一般の不顧布と貼合した確水性シートを用いることができる。また、健水性不嫌布の間にウレタン不離布などの伸縮性不離布を伊張状態で貼着してもよい。

新3回は第2回の本発明のパンツ型使い恰 で で で の の 展 平 面 図 の A ー A 準 石 圏 が 分 が か の の の ス ン の の の と と 裏 る ら と と い の で と と の の で と と の の を と か の か に 仲 和 の 下 始 は 後 る の で と と で か け か し 、 上 始 は 表 面 シート 1 に 接 者 さ れ て い る ・ と を を を せ し 、 上 始 は 表 面 シート 1 に 接 者 さ れ て い る ・

ウエストバンドは邦3回のように二つ折(第5回に租金回を示す)にしてもよいし、第6回のように現水性シート2枚を伸縮弾性体5.6を狭んで重ね合せてもよい。

割4回は第2回の日-B 200分拡大断面図を示し、殊に伸縮弾性体4、4の位置を示したものである。

伸縮弾性体は関では、糸状ゴムを用いているが、

バンドWの伊路弾性体 5.5により充分にフィットし、歴別別と大脳配別的ギャザー兼用の伸駆弾性体 6.6は脱ギャザー用や超弾性体 4.4でカバーし切れない部分をフィットさせる効果がある。

本発明は伸絡弾性体 5。 5 と 6。 6 及び 4。 4 の相乗効果により腰周囲から大闘型、脱凹型にかけて身体に無理なくフィットし、着る時は定を進し弱く、費用中のズレ符ちを防止し、脱ぐ磔も楽にできる特反がある。

また、ワエストバンドは取水性不関布などの洗材を用いるため、おむつ内がムとない。上記仲格理性体が伸張状態で設けられているため、仲格性にすぐれ、体型の大小を問けなる。

更に親水性の姿面シート1とウエストバンドWの疎水性シートを貼合した部分は、袋面シートから恐れる排泄物のおみによる温れを防止する効果がある。

ウェストバンドは熱可塑性合成繊維からなる類

沃然ゴム、合成ゴム、ウレタンゴム等の糸状、平 型の伸縮弾性体を、形状を関わず用いることがで、 空る。

第1回、第2回に示したパンツ型使い捨ておむ つの製造方法の一例を第7回により説明する。

ダイカットと閉時に、二つ折りしてヒートシー

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ル、両面を有テープ又は形容別等により接着した 限計部での切断は9より切断して新8日別に示す 本兒明のパンツ型使い語でおむつの元成品が存ら れる。

部で図~部BA図、部BB図に示した本発明の パンツ型使い捨ておむつの製造ラインは、通常の おむつの城方向に沈れるラインと異なり、横方向 に恐れるため次のようなメリットがある。

四階である。14を別が、表には、大口のでは、ていいは、大口のでは、いいのでは、大口のでは、いいのは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、大口のでは、いいのは、いいのは、は、いいのは、いいのは、いいのは、いは、いいのは、いいのは、いいのは、いは、いいのは、いいのは、いいのは、

第16回は本発明のバンツ望便い捨ておむつの別の実施例を示すー部切欠を平面図で、表面シートで表面の方面の対象を開かれた。 2 年間のカンの場合の対象を表面の対象を表面の対象を表面の対象を表面の対象を表面のである。

第17回は第16回のB-BPB分拡大断面図で、

型位置の吸収性軽減層 11を厚く中音にして、内部に高吸収性数状物を配置した例を示す。

本 充明で用いられる 高吸水性 粒状物は、過 常知られる 高吸水性 ポリマー 粒 子単 独 成い は これ に 活性 炭、 カルボキシメチル セルロース、 ゼオライトなどを進合した粒状物を用いる。

本発明の他の実施例を第12日、第13回に示す。 第12日は砂時計型の吸収体3を用い、その順方向 時間近例で接する響面シート2の上面に伸縮弾 性体13、13を設けた本発明の別の実施例を示すー 即欠き平面因で、第13回は第12回のA-A雞即 分拡大右側断面関である。

このようにクエストバンドの最周囲と大調部周囲 京川の神経弾性体の代りに、段辺体3の超方向 海野がより、日本神経神性体13、13を投けることに思いて、日本が一川の神経弾性体4・4・4と共に思いて、おいつのズレ馬が助止なって、対象がある。

第14回は、おむつ本体の長面シート1の観方向

政水性不製布14の両端部は裏面シート2に接着され、吸収体別に延出された部分は伸張状態で設けられた伸縮性体15。15を碁を込み、表面シート1から超間されて、ギャザー立上り部16を形成市でで、新18路は新16的のCーC静部分拡大の面内で、ギャザー接着部17により裏面シート1に接着されている。

また、親水性の表面シート1の模方向面側に前記ギャザー立上り部16を含む風水性不顕布14が接

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質、連設されているので、表面シート 1 から吸収 体3に吸収した雑状排泄物の戻り、遅いは表面 シートから当れた建造物の温れを防止する効果も ある。なお、本実語例では顕水性不確布を例示し たが、資水性不離布の滑水処理品違いは深水性不 親市と遠屋性フィルムの店合品などの英水性シー トを用いることができる。

[発明の効果]

本発明は下記のような効果が抑られる。

(イ)おむつ本体の最万向両端部に、別体の近気性 素材からなるウエストバンドを貫えているため、 昔用時通気性がよく、ムレがない。

また、ウエストバンドには伊昭延性体が伸張 状態で上下に複数本設けられているので、蟹回 ・ りにフィットするほか、下風の卵箱弾性体は大 腸部周囲の伸縮弾性体も兼ね、大腿部周囲の仲 稲弾性体との相乗効果により各関口部が外線性 があり、身体によくフィットし、皆る時は足を 通し易く、曽用中のズレを防止し、脱ぐ頭も来 にできる特長がある。

> 上に伸縮弾性体を設けることにより設ギャザー 用の毎縮弾性体と共に脳の下の部分と大腸部周 囲にフィットし、別れ防止、おむつのズレ宮ち 防止などの効果がある。

- (水)表面シートの側方両両関フラップ部に頭水性 シートを接着、進設することにより、意水性の 表面シートと疎水性シートの接点で表面シート からの排泄物のにじみによる離れを防止するこ とができる。
- (へ)表面シートの貴方商質関フラップ部に避水性 シートを貼着、運設し、フラップ雑部側は真面 シートに固着され、一方、吸収体器に延出され た四分は、その一部に伸張状態で伸縮弾性体が 設けられ、少なくとも股間感慨はが表面シート の上面と超回するように、森水性シートと表面 シートが成方向設置型を挟む両側部分で因者さ れているので、股間部領域の疎水性シートは ギャザー立上り即となるため、最面シートから 当れる排泄物の除壁となり、更に排泄物は安配 シートとギャザー立上り即で形成されるポケッ

(ロ)製水性の裏面シートの収方向両端部に耐水性 シートからなるクエストパンドを貼着、選取し た部分で表面シートからの排泄物のにじみによ る別れを防止する効果がある。

(ハ)本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、製造ラ インをおむつの教方向に走行させて連続的に製 透することにより、異面シート、吸収体、表面 シート、ウェストバンドの取付け租立が容易に でき、海路の接着、股間節の形状のダイカット により効率よく、安価に製造できる。また、製 盗ラインをおむつの機方向に走行させるため、 従来吸収体内の高吸水性粒状物の放布が吸収体 の機方向には異胞できなかったのを可能にし、 股間部の中央に高吸水性粒状物を集中的に散布 することができるようになった。

また、おむつをは方向に走行させて製造でき るため、吸収体の股間部を中高にして吸収能力 を増加させることも可能である。

(二)ウエストパンドの下節の伊超弾性体の代りに、 吸収体の収方向可能部近くで指する裏面シート

トに収納されるため、疥虺物が直接肌に接触せ ず、不快感がないという効型が得られる。

また、親水性の表面シートの秩方向両側に頭 水性シートが接款、遅起されているので、表面 シートから吸収体に吸収した液状排泄物の戻り 違いは表面シートから当れた排泄物の固れを防 止する効果を有する。

本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつは、上記のよ うに伸縮性と通気性を有し、且つ体型にフィット して、はき心地が且く、若股もし思い、すぐれた 性能を有するパンツ型便い捨ておむつである。

4. 図面の簡単な説明

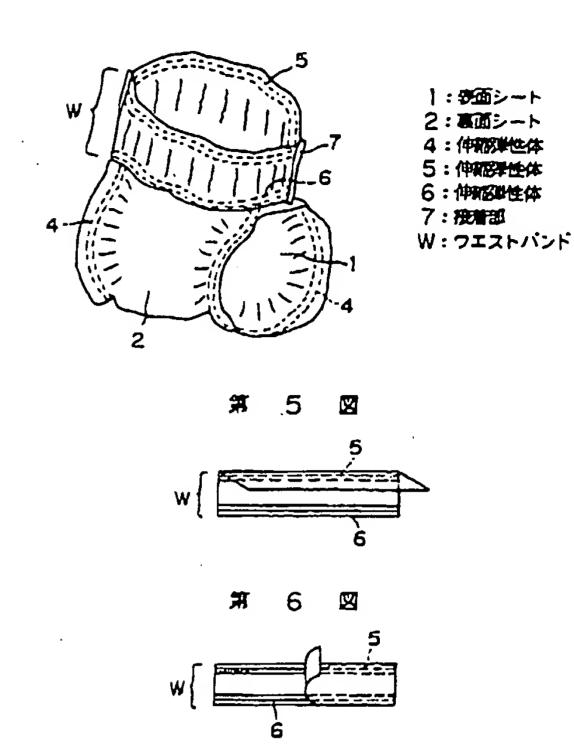
第1回は、本発明のパンツ型使い捨ておむつの 完成品の実施例を示す料拠図、第2図は第1段の 展開平面図、第3回は第2回のA-A線右側面は 分拡大断面図、第4 例は第2 図のB-B段配分拡 大断面図、第5図は、ウエストパンドの形体を示 ず概念図、第6回は第5回の別の例を示す概念図、 第7因、第8A因及び第8B因は本発明のパンツ 型使い捨ておむつの製造ラインを示す平面図、亦

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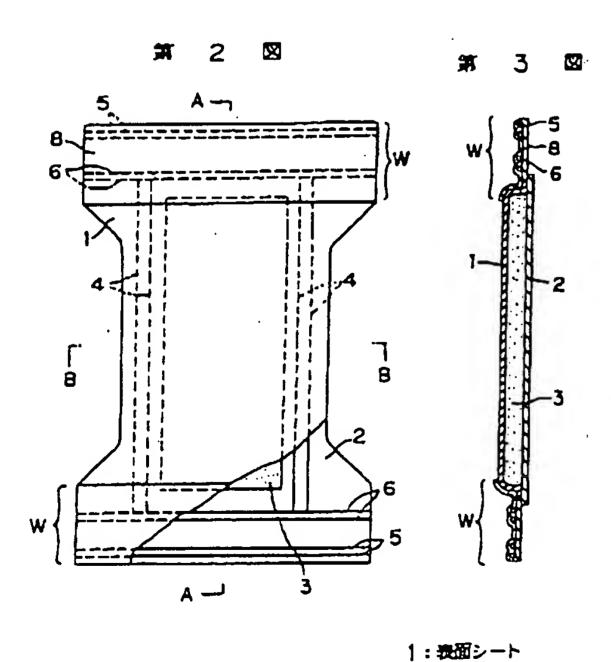
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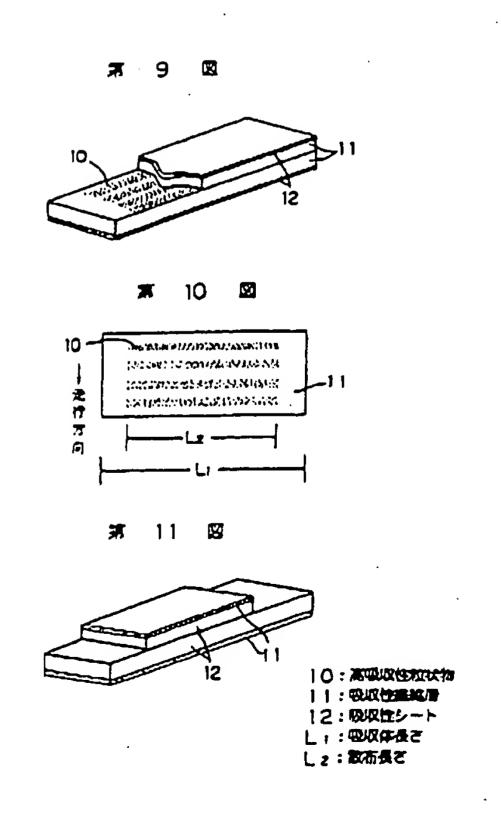
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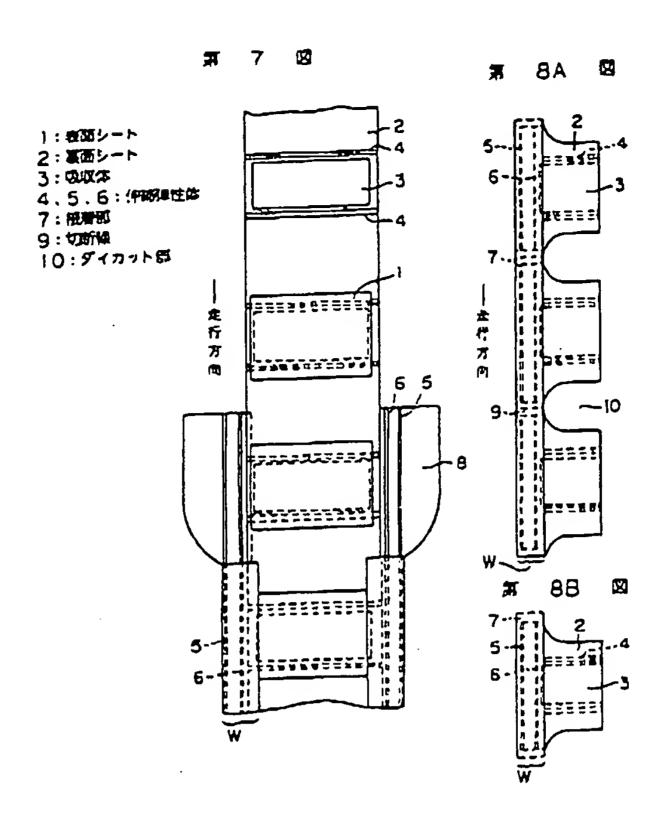
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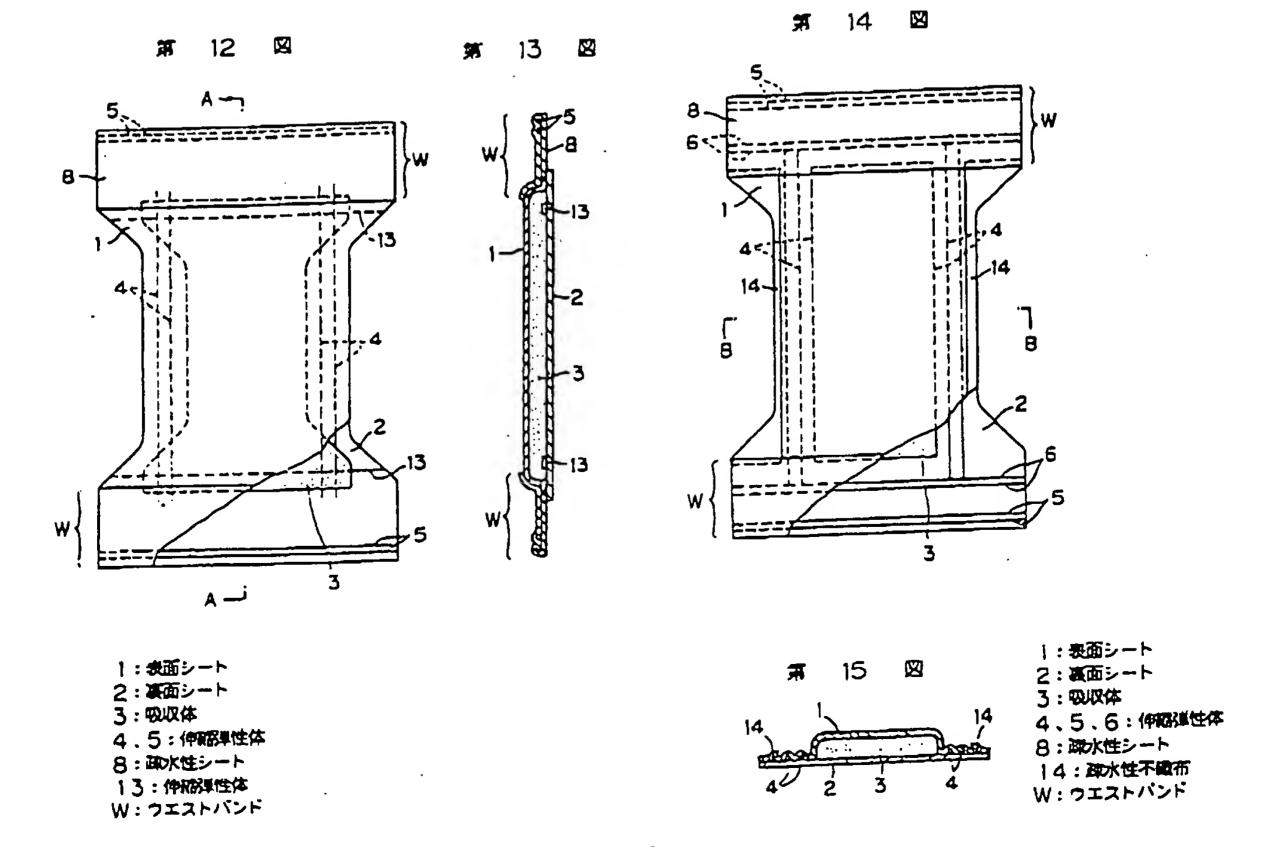
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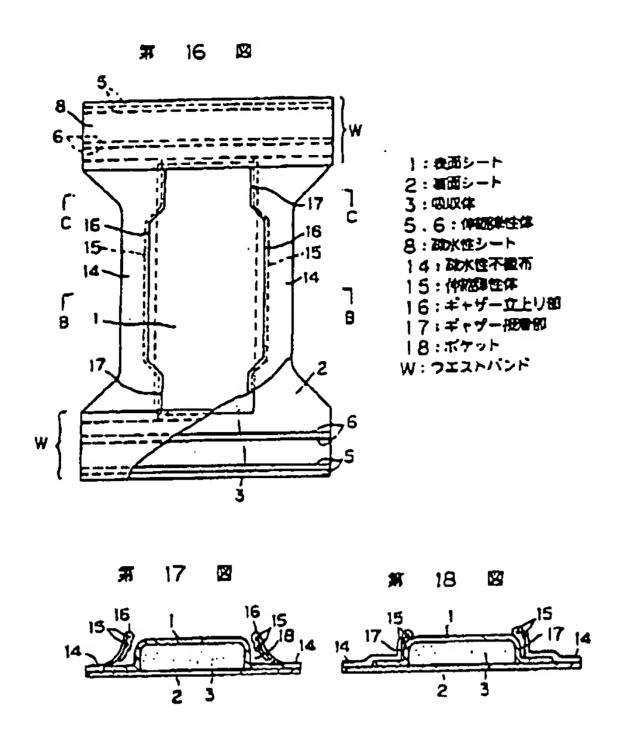
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SPECIFICATION



1. Title of the invention:

A panty type throw-away diaper

2. Claime:

- 1. A panty type throw-away diaper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet, back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.
- 2. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.
- 3. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is formed by an expandable non-woven fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its expanded condition.

- 4. A diaper as claimed in any one of Claims 1-3 wherein a plurality of said expandable elastic bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral direction of the waist, and among these expandable elastic bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across said expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.
- 5. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein expandable elastic bodies are provided on said back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its opposite longitudinal end portions contact.
- 6. A disper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein hydrophobic non-woven fabrics are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- 7. A diaper as claimed in Claim 1 wherein separate longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets are provided on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheat in continuation therefrom, the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps are fixed to said back sheet whereas the sides of said hydrophobic sheets closer to said absorbing body are extended over the front sheet, an expandable elastic body is attached to portion of said

extended portion, and said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets and said front sheet are joined together in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said portions of said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets as extended toward the absorbing body are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in said crotch portion.

3. Detailed explanation of the invention:

(Field of art)

The present invention relates to a panty type throw-away disper having an expandability and an air permeability and is comfortable to wear with good fitting to the figure.

(Prior art)

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The panty type throw-away dispers have been previously known.

The panty type throw-away diapers are used in the transition period from the use of usual throw-away diapers to the use of repeatedly washable and wearable underpants and also for sick persons or the incontinence of adults.

In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 19246/78, there is proposed a method of cutting one piece non-woven expandable fabric suitable for forming throw-away underpants. In Japanese Patent Kokai No. 77304/82, there is disclosed a method of producing a throw-away diaper brief having an elastic member in the waist portion and of which connecting

portions extending from the opposite side portions of the waist portion to the opening portions being closed without being overlapped. There is disclosed therein also a method of producing such brief comprising a step of adhering expanded continuous elastic member to a back sheet, a step of affixing a pad, a step of placing thereon a front sheet and a step of forming openings, folding along a longitudinal axis, fusing and cutting into individual briefs.

there is proposed a throw-away panty comprising expandable means around the waist opening and the leg openings and an outer cover formed by an inner layer of liquid impermeable plastic material and an outer layer of non-woven fiber material. Still further, in Japanese Patent Kokai No. 21802/87, there is disclosed a throw-away absorptive panty in which the panty body is folded back about the crotch portion and the opposite side edges are joined together, the crotch portion of an absorptive core is formed narrower and expandable members of a weist band and of a pair of leg holes are adhered under expanded condition.

(The problems to be solved by the invention)

The conventional panty type throw-away diapers have drawbacks that the air permeability is low and inside the panty is stuffy which together with the excrements presents uncomfortableness to wearers when securing tapes are provided to close the front and back side edges or when the side edges are joined together by means of an adhesive.

furthermore, though the expandable members are provided in the waist band, femur portion and crotch portion for the better fitting to the figure, there has been proposed no panty type throw-away diaper prevented from leakage of the excrements and having good fitness to the body as well as easiness of putting-on/off.

The present invention was made in order to sliminate the above described problems of the prior arts and it is an object of the present invention to provide at low cost a panty type throw-away diaper eliminating the need for securing tapes, having an improved air permeability, enough expandability providing good fitness to the figure and good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

The inventors of this application devoted deep study on said problems of the prior arts and eventually completed the present invention upon finding that said problems are overcome by forming the waist band by attaching an expandable elastic body to a separate sheet of a different material and providing such sheets at the longitudinal opposite ends of the disper body contrary to the conventional disper in which the waist band was formed by providing expandable elastic bodies at the longitudinal opposite ands of the disper body.

(Measure to solve the problem)

According to the present invention there is provided a panty type throw-away disper comprising a liquid permeable front sheet, a liquid impermeable back sheet, and

an absorbing body and an expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather each arranged between said front and back sheets characterized by that at the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body comprising said front sheet. back sheet and absorbing body, there are provided waist bands each formed by a hydrophobic sheet and an expandable elastic body attached under tension to said hydrophobic sheet.

The present invention provides a panty type thowaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said hydrophobic sheet is an expandable non-woven fabric.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which said waist band comprising said
hydrophobic sheet is formed by an expandable non-woven
fabric and other non-woven fabric or moisture permeable
film affixed to said expandable non-woven fabric under its
expanded condition.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which a plurality of said expandable elastic
bodies are attached under tension in the peripheral
direction of the waist and among these expandable elastic
bodies at least the one positioned closer to the crotch
portion is arranged in close proximity to or acrose said
expandable elastic body which forms crotch gather so as to
form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter
expandable elastic body.

The present invention provides a panty type throwaway diaper in which expandable slastic bodies are provided accommodating the incontinences of infants and adults or for sick persons.

In the present invention, the term "waist bands" rafers to air permeable hydrophobic sheets separate from the diaper body consisting of a three-levered laminate comprising a front sheet, an absorbing body and a back sheet and attached to the longitudinal opposite ends (opposite ends in the direction passing through the abdominal portion, crotch portion and waist portion) of said diaper body (refer to the member \underline{w} in Fig. 1), contrary to the waist band which is formed by attaching under tension expandable elastic bodies to the longitudinal opposite ends of the disper body as was conventionally . Leueu.

Such waist bond has not been proposed by any prior art including those quoted above.

The panty type throw-away diaper is characterized by that among a plurality of expandable elastic bodies of the waist band at least the one positioned closer to the crotch portion is arranged in close proximity to or across soid expandable elactic body which forms crotch gather an as to form T-shaped configuration or a cross with the latter expandable elastic body.

In the conventional panty type throw-away diapers. the crotch gathers are mostly formed, as seen in the above quoted prior arts. by providing expandable elastic bodies around the openings through which legs are passed or inserted and these expandable elastic bodies are arranged

in parallel with the expandable clastic body of the waist band portion. Furthermore, there has been also proposed a diaper in which the expandable elastic bodies are provided at the opposite sides of the crotch portion. Though such expandable elastic bodies are erranged at right angles to the expandable elastic body of the waist band, they are short and their opposite ands are considerably spaced apart from the expandable elastic body of the waist band so that the construction of such conventional diaper is different from that of the present invention in that both of the expandable elastic bodies are largely spaced apart in the Conventionally, there has been also proposed a former. panty type throw-away diaper in which a curved expandable elastic body is provided from the femur portion to the abdominal portion.

In the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present inventon, as an auxiliary means for tightening the femur portion, it is possible to decrease the number of the expandable elastic bodies of the waist portions and to provide, instead thereof, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact.

Furthermore it is possible to provide longitudinally elongate hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom.

Still further, it is possible to provide separate

longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets on the lateral opposite side flap portions of said front sheet in sides of said continuation therefrom, to fix the hydrophobic sheets closer to the side portions of said flaps to said back sheet and to extend the remaining portions over the front sheet toward the absorbing body together said longitudinally elongate sides, and to join hydrophobic sheets and raid front sheet in the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion in such a way that said longitudinally elongate hydrophobic sheets are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet at least in the crotch portion. The hydrophobic sheet may be joined to the front sheet in other portions than the longitudinal crotch portion or in parts in the opposite portions between which the longitudinal crotch portion is positioned.

(Embodiments)

An embodiment of the present invention will now be described.

panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention. Waist bands <u>w</u> which are separate or independent from a diaper body consisting of a front sheet 1 which contacts with human body. A built-in absorbing body 3 and a back sheet 2 and constituting a characteristic feature of the present invention are secured to the longitudinal opposite ends of the diaper body. An expandable elastic body 5 for waist gather is provided along the upper waist

portion of the waist band \underline{W} and another expandable elastic body 6 for gother for the waist and femur portions is provided in the lower portion. The opposite sides of the waist bands \underline{W} are formed as joining portions 7 to form a panty or drawer. Inside the lateral opposite end portions of the front and back sheets 1 and 2 contacting with the periphery of the femur region, there are provided expandable elastic bodies 4 for gather.

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of the completed panty type throw-away disper of Fig. 1 having its lower portion being broken away to show the inside.

The expandable clastic bodies 4, 4 for forming crotch gathers are adhered in the expanded condition between the front and back sheets 1 and 2. Contrary to the conventional panty type throw-away diapers, the opposite ends of the elastic bodies 4. 4 are extended to and form T-configuration with the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 of the waist bands W. W closer to the absorbing body 3 which form gathers around the waist and femur regions. The elastic bodies 4, 4 may be arranged in close proximity to the inside one of the elastic bodies 6, 6 or may extend across it in the cross configuration.

with this arrangement, the waist portion fits well by the expandable elastic bodies 5, 5 of the waist bands \underline{W} and the expandable elastic bodies 6, 6 for the gather around the waist and femur regions are effective to impart fitness to the portions which are not given fitness by the crotch gather elastic body 4, 4.

5.5. 6.6 and 4.4, there are brought about advantages that the diaper of the present invention naturally fits to the human body in the region extending from the waist region to femur and crotch regions, that the legs can be easily passed through the diaper when it is worn, that the slipping down of the diaper during it is worn is prevented and that the diaper can be easily taken off when it is removed.

Furthermore, inside of the diaper does not become stuffy because hydrophobic and air permeable material such as a hydrophobic non-woven fabric is used for the waist band, the expandability is superior because the expandable elastic bodies are attached under expanded condition, the fitness is superior regardless of the sized of the human bodies and the diaper can be worn easily because of its expandability.

Furthermore, the joining portions between the hydrophilic front sheet 1 and the hydrophobic sheet of the waist portions are effective to prevent leakage of the excrements flowing from the front sheet by permeation.

hydrophobic non-woven fabric of thermoplastic synthetic fibers, an expandable non-woven fabric of urethans fibers or the like or a hydrophobic sheet formed by affixing an expandable non-woven fabric under tensioned or expanded condition to a usual non-woven fabric. Otherwise, an expandable non-woven fabric such as an urethane non-woven

fabric may be affixed under expanded condition between hydrophobic non-woven fabrics.

panty type throw-away diaper along the line A-A of Fig. 2. As seen in Fig. 3, each waist band w is formed by folding double a hydrophobic sheet 8 which is separate from the front and back sheets 1 and 2 and adhering the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 inside the folded sheet 8. The lower end and upper end of the hydrophobic sheet 8 is adhered to the back sheet 2 and the front sheet 1, respectively.

The waist band may be folded double as shown in Fig. 3 (i.e. as schematically shown in Fig. 5) or two hydrophobic sheets may be overlapped each other with the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 being interposed therebetween.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view of the diaper along the line B-B of Fig. 2, showing the positions of the clastic bodies 4, 4.

In the illustrated embodiment, though a rubber thread is used as the expandable elastic body, a use can be made of also a thread-shaped or flat expandable elastic body of natural rubber, synthetic rubber or urethane rubber without being limited to a particular shape.

A method of producing the panty type throw-away diaper shown in Figs. 1 and 2 will now be described with referring to Fig. 7

A liquid impermabble back sheet 7 wound in a roll is pulled-out and the absorbing bodies 3 and the expandable

alastic bodies 4. 4 are sequentially adhered on the pulled-out back sheet 2 and then after having adhered the liquid permeable front sheets 1, the hydrophobic sheets 8, 8 on which the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 have been adhered are folded double and adhered on the front sheet 1 and back sheet 2 from the upper and lower sides to form the waist bands \underline{W} .

Thereafter, the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion where the legs are inserted or passed through are sequentially cut away by die cutters as shown in Fig. 8A. However, when the front and back sides are symmetrical, the continuous body shown in Fig. 7 may be folded double about the longitudinal center line and cut by a die cutter. When the front side is narrower, the continuous body is to be cut in a desired shape without folding double.

Completed diapers shown in Fig. 8B are obtained by cutting along cutting lines the joining portions 7 formed by folding double and adhering by means of heat seals, adhesive double coated types or adhesives simultaneously with the die cutting.

The line for producing the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention as shown in Figs. 7, 8A and 88 brings about the following advantages because it runs laterally contrary to the conventional longitudinal run.

In order to enhance absorptivity, it was conventional to place a layer of highly water absorptive

polymer particles 10 inside the ebsorbing body as shown in In the longitudinal producing line of diapers, however, the highly water absorptive polymer particles were continuously dispersed in the longitudinal direction so that it was difficult to disperse concentratedly to the portion central portions in crotch the lateral corresponding to the excremental position. In the present aldizeog disperse ìs however. it invention, concentratedly to the central portion because the diapers are mvoed laterally. Furthermore, as shown in Fig. 10, the length L, through which the disperse is carried out (in the direction passing through the abdominal portion and the waist portion) may be any length and may be in any position relative to the length L1 of the absorbing body. shows an embodiment in which the absorptive fiber layer 11 is made higher in the excremental position and the highly water absorptive particles are placed therein.

The highly water absorptive particles used in the present invention may be highly water absorptive polymer particles alone or other particle aggregation comprising a mixture of the highly water absorptive polymer particles and activated carbon, carboxymethylcellulose or zeolita.

shown in Figs. 12 and 13. In the embodiment of Fig. 12 which shows the embodiment in a plan view with a part being broken away, a used is made of a sandglass-shaped absorbing body 3 and expandable elastic bodies 13, 13 are provided on the upper surface of the back sheet 2 at the places where

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the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact. Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 12.

By arranging the expandable clastic bodies 13, 13 on the back sheet 2 hear the longitudinal opposite end portions of the absorbing body 3 instead of the expandable clastic bodies of the waist bands for the waist and famur portions, there are brought about advantages that good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and around the femur region, leakage is prevented and slipping down of the diaper is prevented.

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developed plan view of an embodiment in which hydrophobic sheets 14 are affixed on the lateral opposite side flap portions of the front sheet 1 of the diaper body in continuation therefrom and Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view teken along the line B-B of Fig. 14. By providing by adhesion the hydrophobic sheets 14 on the lateral flap portions of the front sheet in continuation therefrom, leakage of the excrements by the permeation is prevented by the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet 1 and the hydrophobic sheets 14. contributing to prevention of leakage of the excrements. For such hydrophobic sheet, a use can be made of a hydrophobic non-woven fabric used in the waist bands or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic nonwoven fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away plan view of a

still further embodiment of the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention in which hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are affixed to the lateral apposite side portions of the front sheet 1 continuously therefrom and the opposite end portions of the fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions of the fabrics 14 closer to the absorbing body are adhered to the front sheet 1 in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion so that the fabrics 14 are separated from the upper surface of the front sheet 1 at least in the crotch portion.

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line 8-8 of Fig. 16. The opposite end portions of the hydrophobic non-woven fabrics 14 are adhered to the back sheet 2 and the portions extended over the absorbing body wrap in the expandable elastic bodies 15, 15 arranged under expanded condition and are separated from the front sheet 1 to form gathered arising or standing portions 16.

16. Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line C-C of Fig. 16. As shown therein the gathered standing portions 16 are adhered to the front sheet 1 by means of gather adhering portions 17 at the in the portions on the opposite sides of the crotch portion.

By forming gathered standing portion 16 at least in the crotch portion, this portion functions as a barrier for the excrements flowing from the front sheet 1 and the excrements are accommodated in a pocket 18 formed by the front sheet 1 and the gathered standing portion 16. Thus,

this embodiment brings about advantages that it provides good fitness to the human body by means of the vaist bands we and the expandable elastic bodies 5 and 6 and that the direct contact of the excrements with the human body is prevented by means of the gathered standing portions 16 formed in the crotch portion, avoiding uncomfortable feeling.

Furtheremore, there are brought about advantages that returning of the liquid excrements absorbed in the absorbing body 3 through the front sheet 1 and leakage of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented. Though the hydrophobic non-wovan fabric is used in this ambodiment, a use can be made of also a volatile-treated hydrophobic non-woven fabric or a sheet consisting of a hydrophobic non-wovan fabric and a moisture permeable film affixed together.

(Advantages brought about by the invention)

According to the present invention, the following advantages are brought about.

(a) Air permeability is good and stuffiness is less because separate waist bands formed by air permeable material are provided at the longitudinal opposite end portions of a disper body.

Furthermore, since a plurality of expandable elastic bodies are provided in the upper and lower portions of the waiet bands under the expanded condition, the disper well fits around the waist and since the lower expandable elastic body functions simultaneously also for the femur

region so that by the effect combined with the expandable elastic body around the femur region, each opening becomes expandable, providing good fitness to the human body, eachness of insertion of the legs, prevention of slipping down of the diaper during when it is worn and easiness of putting-off.

- (b) The leakage of the excrements due to permeation from the front sheet is prevented by the portions where the waist bands formed by hydrophobic sheet are connected to the longitudinal opposite end portions of the hydrophilic front sheet in continuation therefrom.
- easily at a low cost bacause by making the producing line to run laterally of the dispers for continuous production of the same, it becomes easier to place and assemble the back sheet, absorbing body, front sheet and waist bands and to adhere the joining portions and to die cut the crotch portion. Furthermore, since the producing line runs laterally of the dispers, it becomes possible to adjust distribution of highly water absorptive particles in the absorbing body in the lateral direction to the disper and to disperse the highly water absorptive particles concentratedly to the central portion of the crotch portion.

Furthermore, the diapers are moved laterally during producing, the central portion of the absorbing body may be made thicker to increase absorbing capacity.

- elastic bodies of the waist bands, expandable elastic bodies on the back sheet at the places where the portions of the absorbing body close to its longitudinal opposite end portions contact, there are brought about advantages that in cooperation with the expandable elastic bodies for the crotch gather a good fitness is provided around the lower portion of the waist region and femur, that the leakage is prevented and that slipping down of the diaper is prevented.
- (e) By adhering, hydrophobic non-woven fabrics on the lateral oppsite side flap portions continuously therefrom, leakage of the excrements by permeation from the front sheet is prevented by means of the joining portion between the hydrophilic front sheet and hydrophobic sheet.
- opposite side flap portions of the front sheet continuously therefrom and securing on the back sheet the portions of the hydrophobic sheets closer to the flap ends whereas attaching expandable elastic bodies under the expanded condition to a portion of said hydrophobic sheets extended over the absorbing body and by joining together the hydrophobic sheet and the front sheet on the opposite sides of the longitudinal crotch portion, there are formed gathered standing portions in the hydrophobic sheets in the crotch portion acting as barriers for the excrements overflowing from the front sheet and the excrements are accommodated in the pockets formed by the front sheet and

said gathered standing portions so that the excrements are prevented from direct contact with the human body and uncomfortableness is obviated.

Furtheremore, since the hydrophobic sheets are adhered continuously with the lateral side portions of the front sheet, returning of liquid excrements once absorbed by the absorbing body and leaking of the excrements overflowing from the front sheet are prevented.

As described above, the panty type throw-away diaper is superior, having expandability, air permeability, good wearing comfortableness and easiness of putting-on/off.

4. Brief explanation of the invention.

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Fig. 1 shows in a perspective view a completed panty type throw-sway disper according to the present invention.

Fig. 2 is a developed plan view of Fig. 1.

Fig. 3 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line A-A of Fig. 2.

Fig. 4 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 2.

Fig. 5 is a schematical view of a waist band,

Fig. 6 is a schematical view of another waist band different from the one of Fig. 5.

Figs. 7. BA and BB are plan views showing a production line of the panty type throw-away diaper according to the present invention.

Fig. 9 is a perspective view of an absorbing body showing highly absorptive particles placed in the absorbing body.

Fig. 10 is a plan view of the absorbing body showing the distance over which the highly absorptive particles are dispersed.

Fig. 11 is a perspective view of an absorbing body in which the central portion is made thicker,

rig. 12 is a partially broken away developed plan view of a panty type throw-away diaper showing another manner of arrangement of expandable elastic bodies.

Fig. 13 is a cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 12,

Fig. 14 is a partially broken away developmed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention.

Fig. 15 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line 8-8 of Fig. 14.

Fig. 16 is a partially broken away developed plan view of another embodiment of the present invention,

Fig. 17 is an enlarged cross-sectional view taken along the line B-B of Fig. 16, and

Fig. 18 is an enlarged cross-sectional view along the line C-C of Fig. 16.

In the drawings.

- 1 ... front sheet
- 2 ... back sheet
- 3 ... absorbing body .
- 4.5.6 ... expandable elastic body
- 7 ... joining portion

- 8 ... hydrophobic sheet
- 9 ... cutting line
- 10 ... die cut portion
- 11 ... absorptive fiber layer
- 12 ... absorptive sheet
- 13 ... expandable elastic body
- 14 ... hydrophobic non-woven fabric
- 15 ... expandable elastic body
- 16 ... gathered standing portion
- 17 ... gather adhering portion
- , 18 ... pocket